STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: The Salem Special		2. DATE OF FILING: 10/9/00
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: $21.00/22.00/25.00
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers): PO Box 220, Salem, McCook Co., SD 57058		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer): PO Box 220, Salem, McCook Co., SD 57038		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Troy Schwans		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.): FULL NAME: Schwans Publications, Inc. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 220, Salem, SD 57058		
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A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	2000	2000
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	150	180
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	1487	1483
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	1637	1663
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	76	76
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E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)	1713	1739
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	287	261
2. Return from News Agents	0	0
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)	2000	2000

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER: Troy Schwans, Owner

State of South Dakota)
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County of McCook)

Sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 2000

Phyllis Knudson
Notary Public

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